

Rowe Board of Selectmen
COVID Meeting
December 29, 2020
4:00 P.M.
Via Remote Participation

Board of Selectmen: Chair Charles Sokol, Vice-Chair Joanne Semanie
Absent: Selectman Edward Silva
Administrative Staff: Paul McLatchy III, Administrative Assistant to the Boards
Other Attendees: Board of Health Chair Margaret Rice
Audience of Citizens: None

Note: Due to the national COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was held via remote participation as authorized by executive order of the governor. All votes are taken via roll-call vote.

Call to Order: Chair Sokol called the meeting to order at 4:02 P.M., a quorum of the board present.

Weekly Covid Updates: The following topics were addressed during discussion:

- The national vaccination effort is underway but falling far short of its goals. Nursing homes and veterans' facilities are being prioritized. Even though a vaccine is now available, people still need to be conscious about the virus.
- School is not currently in session due to the winter break and will resume January 4th. So far, no cases have been reported at the school.
- There are no new cases in Rowe as of today.
- Per a town resident, the library is doing very well following their required protocols, which include spacing out appointments, limiting the number of people, etc.
- Governor Charlie Baker has implemented restrictions on gatherings. No more than ten people should be in a household and restaurants are limited to 25% capacity.
- Concerns were raised over vaccine scams. An advisory will be included in the weekly robocall.
- Levels in Western Massachusetts seem to be at "reasonable" levels, whereas many places around the rest of the country are facing intense strain on their medical facilities due to high numbers of cases.
- The Transfer Station hasn't reported any problems with mask mandates or social distancing.

Adjourn: With no further business to attend to:

MOTION TO ADJOURN: A motion was made by Chair Sokol and seconded by Vice-Chair Semanie to adjourn the meeting at 4:49 PM. The vote was unanimous in favor:

Charles Sokol Yes
Joanne Semanie Yes

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul McLatchy III
Administrative Assistant to the Boards

Approved on: 1/21/21



Charles Sokol, Chair



Joanne Semanie, Vice-Chair